

REMARKS

The present communication along with a petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2009. Claims 11-25 are currently pending in this application. Claims 20 and 24-25 have been currently amended to recite product-by-process claims. Support for the amendments can be found in the application as originally filed. In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, reconsideration of the restriction and allowance of claims 11-25 is respectfully requested.

The claims have been restricted under PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2 between the following inventions set forth below:

Group I: claims 11-19, 21-23, drawn to an electrochemically reacting composition; and

Group II: claims 20, 24-25, drawn to a process for the preparation of an electrochemically reactive composition.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I including claims 11-19, 21-23, drawn to an electrochemically reacting composition.

The election is made with traverse for at least the reasons set forth below.

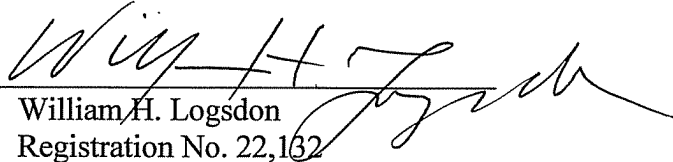
As previously indicated, claims 20 and 24-25 have been currently amended as product-by-process claims. Applicants contend that no serious burden is placed on the Examiner by examining all of the claims in a single application. When searching and examining the the electrochemically reacting composition claims, the Examiner will also encounter subject matter set forth in the claims for the electrochemically reacting composition produced by a particular process of preparation. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement between the inventions of Groups I and II is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing arguments removal of the Restriction Requirement and allowance of claims 11-25 is respectfully requested.

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